



FRIDAY EVENING, OCT. 26, 1906.

THE PEOPLE of Richmond are realizing the necessity for the adoption of an ordinance closing the barrooms of the city at midnight. Complaints are beginning to come from citizens in all walks of life and from all parts of the city of disorders and other evils growing out of the practice of saloons to close at will, and the discussion of this matter has evidently now assumed proportions of more than an incidental importance. Alderman Ellett offered in the finance committee Tuesday night a motion to fix a flat license tax of \$1,000 on barrooms and to reduce the number from 230 to 100. The matter went over at the request of some of the members pending the probable bringing up of the early closing question, but Mr. Ellett declared he would renew his motion later, and continue to do so until it was acted upon one way or another. It is said that the better class of Richmond saloons are closed at proper hours and that disorders in the same are few and far between. The movement is consequently directed against the disreputable resorts where fights and often murders occur. It has been suggested that the sale of liquor per se is by no means objectionable to the large majority, but the scenes often incident to its vending form the objectionable features. In some countries there seems to be no more odium attached to the traffic than in the disposition of any other commodity. These conditions are brought about by certain regulations that could be enforced in all lands. Limiting the number of saloons has failed to eradicate the more objectionable features of the same, as it has been shown that concentration of customers in the few places granted licenses is all that has been accomplished, the same scenes prevailing in the limited number of places that formerly characterized the many. In England public drinking places are so arranged that loitering about the premises is impossible. A man obtains a drink, which is generally furnished by a young woman, and after swallowing the drink he immediately vacates the "stall." Barkeepers in that country are not allowed to sell stimulants to a man who shows the effects of liquor. By such rules the odium so often incidental to drinking liquor is minimized.

DEFEAT in his fight for re-election stares John Dalzell, the champion of tariff in Congress, in the face. So pronounced and strong has become the opposition to him in Pittsburgh that the administration at Washington has been appealed to for help, and is sending Attorney General Moody to Pittsburgh to speak from the same platform with Senator Knox, at a meeting to be presided over in person by Congressman Dalzell, on Saturday night. At the same time the United States steel trust, the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Westinghouse interests and the Pittsburgh Coal Company, whose leading concerns are in Mr. Dalzell's district, are working hard for him, and within the past few days, it is said, they have poured not less than \$500,000 into the district to assist in returning Dalzell to Congress, which shows what a valuable man to the trusts he is. By a special act last year there was a new congressional district, the Thirtieth, formed round Dalzell, taking in all the big works of the trusts mentioned. This now promises to be the undoing of the tariff champion, as ex-Mayor R. J. Black, of McKeesport, is making a hard fight against Dalzell, and in that labor stronghold his strength is great.

DR. GLADDEN delivered an address on the colored race before the American Missionary Society in Oberlin, Ohio, yesterday. Among other things he said race segregation would tend toward the betterment of the negro, and that colored people should have their homes in the South. The last suggestion is doubtless correct, from the fact that this class are better understood here than in any other part of the country, and were the colored element to do their part there would be no friction between them and the white race. Unfortunately a large majority fail to fulfill their mission, and when serious conditions follow they have no one to blame but themselves. Segregation, however, has proven to be the curse of the negro race. So long as they lived with white people, where proper examples were set them, colored people were docile and gave but little trouble. For two-score years they have been segregated, and present conditions are best the commentary upon the result.

THE MARITAL infidelities of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough are being ventilated throughout the civilized world. A decade ago Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, an American heiress minus a title, was tempted to link her fortune with the Duke of Marlborough. The modest surroundings of the land of her birth were accordingly exchanged for Elgin House, which with all its gilt and glamour contains its skeletons. The duke is charged with infidelity and an American

beauty would be named as a correspondent were the duchess to institute a suit for divorce. The sad case of Miss Anna Gould is still in the limelight. She purchased a title with her millions and thereby placed many thorns in her pillow. The above are among the more prominent cases where American heiresses have had their lives embittered by marrying titled foreigners.

MR. HEART, it seems, fails to appeal to many of the working class. In New York last night the would-be Governor found himself speaking to empty benches when he attempted to address what was intended to be a gathering of laboring men. This class, while possessing brains, are not without brains, and can see the hollowness of certain people who pose as their champions. Of all the men who have attempted to ride the labor hobby Heart is the most transparent imposter, and workmen in general will not allow themselves to form the tail of his political kite.

LEAVES HAVE their time to fall and judging from the sidewalks this is the time.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Oct. 26. Senator Scott, of West Virginia, had a talk with the President this morning about the political situation in his State and when he emerged from the executive office, declared that "everything is all right." "I have just come in from a little talking tour over the State," he said, "and found that there was no complaint to make from a republican point of view." Senator Scott was asked if he agreed with his colleague, Senator Elkins, who recently expressed the belief that President Roosevelt ought to accept the nomination for another term. "I do not believe that West Virginia is in favor of one man holding the office continuously," replied Senator Scott.

The President and his advisors will soon have before them the recommendations of Attorney General Moody relative to the proposed prosecution of the Standard Oil Company as a gigantic trust operating in restraint of trade. While the nature of the case precludes any accurate prediction as to the time when suit will be begun in an effort to dissolve the trust, reliable authority suggests the middle of November. It is understood that the exhaustive inquiry made the past seven months by the special attorneys has been productive of that evidence which the government desires to support it in its legal battle against the trust and it is said that it corroborates and amplifies the records already in the possession of the Department of Justice.

Serious consideration was given to the Japanese situation at today's Cabinet meeting. Although matters have not progressed to the stage of "strained relations" between the United States and Japan, there is no concealing the fact that officials of the administration are considerably perturbed lest such a result may ensue. Each nation has, in effect, accused the other of violating treaty rights. Japan has asked the United States its opinion as to whether or not the action of the San Francisco authorities in barring Japanese children from the public schools was not an infraction of the treaty of 1894. The United States has made a similar inquiry as to the conduct of the Japanese posers in Alaska waters. While these exchanges are going on between the State Department and the Tokio foreign office, the administration here will make every effort to assuage the anti-American feeling in Japan. Plans were considered at today's meeting for working out a solution of the problem at San Francisco. The authorities there allege that it was only because of lack of facilities that the Japanese were barred from the school. They also set up the claim that the federal government has no jurisdiction in the case, the control of school matters under the constitution resting solely in the State. They contend that any treaty in contravention of this authority of the State is illegal and non-enforceable. This phase of the case is already on its way to the Supreme Court of the United States, suit having been entered in the U. S. Circuit Court at San Francisco yesterday to enjoin the school board from removing a certain Japanese scholar. Should the Supreme Court uphold the injunction, there would be no question as to the power of the federal government to enforce it. Disobedience would result in contempt proceedings in which almost any sort of punishment could be inflicted on the members of the school board or any other responsible official.

President Roosevelt will be forty-eight years old tomorrow, but he does not intend to take a holiday to celebrate the event. The President will observe his natal anniversary by working the usual number of hours in his office, and after 4 o'clock, playing tennis or going for a horseback ride in the suburbs. Mrs. Roosevelt and the children will remember the day by giving the President little presents, and many of his close friends and relatives will send to the White House floral offerings.

The ice trust cases were called in the Criminal Court this morning. The defendants pleaded not guilty. The trial will begin in the early part of November. The convicted murderer Grant was this morning sentenced to be hanged on November 16.

The Majestic launch, run at 938 Pennsylvania avenue, was practically gutted by fire at 3 o'clock this morning. Between thirty and forty guests who were sleeping in Lyon's Hotel, adjoining the launch, room, were aroused by the fire and there was much excitement no one was injured.

Robert Bacon, Assistant Secretary of Secretary of state made a sweeping denial this morning of the rumor that he was slated to succeed Robert S. McCormick as United States Ambassador to France.

Woman's Christian Temperance.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 26.—With an attendance of about 450 delegates, from various parts of the country, supplemented by others interested in the cause from all over the world, the thirty-third annual convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was begun here today and will continue for a week.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Oct. 26.—The stock market continued heavy again this morning, with Reading the principal feature. There was a significant and important selling, that carried its price down to 139 1/2, the lowest price reached in several months. Price movements all through the list were about the same as in Reading, early gains of fractional amounts being followed by a drop of a point or more.

News of the Day.

A Philadelphia judge severely criticized Thomas Dixon, Jr., and sustained the mayor in refusing to allow "The Clansman" to be played there.

The convention of the center party of Silesia adopted a resolution of protest against the Prussian government compelling Polish school children to say prayers and learn the catechism and Bible history in German.

The first importation of strike-breakers to take the place of the Southern Railway machinists who are on strike in the shops at Atlanta reached yesterday. About 75 men were in the lot. No trouble has occurred and it is announced that additional men, about 100 in all, are to be brought to the Atlanta shops.

Three persons were killed and three seriously injured in a collision at Woodside, L. I., yesterday between a Long Island Railroad train and a coach which was returning to New York from a funeral at Calvary cemetery. Edgar Griffin, the driver, drove the vehicle directly in front of the rapidly approaching train. The coach was demolished, the horses were killed and the occupants buried in all directions. Patrick Healy and his two children were instantly killed. Mrs. Healy was seriously injured, while the injuries of Lynch and Griffin were of a less serious nature.

Dr. Washington Gladden, the Ohio clergyman who leaped into particular prominence some time ago by declaring that churches and religious organizations should not take Booker T. Washington's money "because it was tainted" came out yesterday strongly for separation of the races.

Hoe Insolent in Court. Counsel for Clifford Hoe, the negro formerly employed as a coachman by Augustus Harjic, the millionaire paper manufacturer, on trial in Pittsburgh for perjury, as the result of an affidavit he made swearing he had been intimate with Mrs. Harjic, which was to have been used in the Harjic divorce trial, had great trouble with the defendant yesterday.

Hoe's insolence to witnesses was unparalleled in the history of the local courts. He leered at some, stuck his tongue out at others, and even rose to his feet and called one of the witnesses, William C. Battle, a negro contractor, who was testifying against him, a vile name. Hoe was severely rebuked by Judge Frazer.

It became apparent early in the day that Hoe's defense was based on the fact that an affidavit secured from him, in which he swore that he did not tell the truth when he accused Mrs. Harjic in his first affidavit, was obtained by coercion, and therefore is invalid.

However, Hoe made a third affidavit to the district attorney, in which he reaffirmed the truth of his second statement. This affidavit was read in court yesterday.

Alderman King, who issued a number of warrants for Hoe, was called and said he heard Hoe dictate his statement, and that Hoe was cautioned before he made it that what he said might be used against him. According to the alderman Hoe replied:

"I know; I want to make a clear confession—a clear statement. I am sorry for the other statement. Mrs. Harjic is a lady and wouldn't do those things. I oughtn't to have said them."

Banker Attacks Reporter. Angered by a story that appeared in Wednesday's issue of the Times-Herald, an afternoon newspaper of Newport News, Fenton F. Finch, president of the American Exchange Bank, and one of the wealthiest men on the peninsula, visited the office of that paper yesterday afternoon.

The only person in the office was Wright McWilliams, a reporter, and the banker is said to have hurled vile epithets at him, finally calling him a liar. Although 75 pounds lighter and much smaller than the banker, the reporter struck Finch in the face, knocking him against the wall. The banker retaliated, hitting the reporter on the ear and splitting it. The men then clinched, and McWilliams grabbed Finch by the throat and when Editor W. T. Kirby, having been attracted by the noise, appeared on the scene, the banker was crying: "Stop! Let me go; stop!"

As the editor advanced toward the combatants, the banker broke away, picked up his crushed derby and hastened from the office, ignoring the editor's request that he remain and explain the trouble.

After the fight the reporter surrendered himself at the police station, and Banker Finch was arrested on a warrant charging him with assault and battery, the warrant being sworn out by P. T. Marshall, manager of the paper. Both men were held for their appearance in the Police Court today.

Knights Templar. The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Virginia, met at the Masonic Temple, in Richmond, yesterday, holding two sessions and concluding with the election of officers and a banquet last night. It was decided that the next meeting will be held in Norfolk. Mr. John D. Oglesby, of Lynchburg, was elected grand ward'n, all the other officers being promoted as is the usual custom, save the recorder and treasurer, who were elected.

The election of officers resulted in the selection of S. S. Nottingham, of Norfolk, as grand commander. The other officers chosen were: Deputy Grand Commander, Rev. F. T. McFadden, of Richmond; Generalissimo, W. C. Stevenson; Grand Captain-General, A. W. Taylor, of Danville; Grand Senior Warden, W. B. McChesney, of Staunton; Grand Junior Warden, F. D. Hotchkiss, of Richmond; Grand Recorder, James B. Blanks, of Petersburg; Grand Treasurer, G. W. Poe, of Richmond; Grand Standard-Bearer, E. M. Baker, of Winchester; Grand Sword-Bearer, John H. Fisher, of Alexandria; Grand Warder, John D. Oglesby, of Lynchburg. Following the meeting of the Grand Commandery the Knights enjoyed a banquet.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

Virginia News.

The plant of the Michie Law Publishing Company, at Charlottesville, was destroyed by fire and water to the extent of \$15,000 last night.

Five survivors out of 150 men who were on Flieger houseboat No. 4 when the hurricane struck the Florida Keys arrived in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Peter S. Roller died at Harrisonburg, yesterday at the age of 85 years. She was the mother of Gen. John E. Roller and Mayor O. B. Roller.

Gov. Swanson has issued an address to the voters of Richmond, giving reasons why they should rally to the support of John Lamb, candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives.

Miss Millicent Lupton, daughter of Rev. J. W. Lupton, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Leesburg, was married yesterday afternoon to Rev. Charles Turner Caldwell, of Waco, Tex., in the Presbyterian church by the father of the bride.

The synod of Virginia of the Presbyterian Church began its 119th annual session in Staunton yesterday. There was a sermon by the moderator, Rev. Newton Donaldson, D. D., of Martinsburg, W. Va. A large number of delegates have already arrived, and it is thought that 800 will be present.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in King George county was the scene of a beautiful wedding Wednesday evening, when Miss Eleanor Lewis Washington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Washington, of Buena Vista farm, became the bride of Mr. Bernard Scott, of Popes Creek, Md. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. T. Farner. After a northern tour they will reside at Popes Creek.

The following officers were elected at the close of the convention of the King's Daughters and Sons in Portsmouth last night: Mrs. Charles Burton of Richmond State secretary; Mrs. Lulu McField of Richmond, recording secretary; and Mrs. Ned A. Melick, of Norfolk State treasurer.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS. Yesterday was the big day of the nineteenth reunion in Richmond, of the Grand Camp, United Confederate Veterans, of Virginia. The weather was perfect, and the crowd one of the largest that ever attended the annual gathering.

The session was called to order in Assembly Hall early in the day by Grand Commander J. H. Fulton, of Wytheville. The first business was the reading of the annual report of Major F. M. Morton, State inspector general. The report was adopted. Major John W. Daniel, chairman of the school committee, addressed the gathering. He said the proudest monument at the State capital was one to the private soldier. He referred to the pension laws of the State, and said it was pleasing to realize that the State had been enabled to thus provide for those who had served her in her need. The State was prosperous and its population exceeded that of both Virginia and West Virginia before the war. The race question was never less menacing or better handled and understood. None had been more active in bringing about this condition than the Confederates. The sum for pensions was not more than half what the commonwealth would provide if she could. He spoke of the act of Congress appropriating \$200,000 for marking the graves of Confederate soldiers as an illustration of Jasper's theory that the "sun do move." Senator Daniel closed with an eulogy of General Jubal Early, and showed the high esteem in which he was held by the people of the State. His famous raid aroused the greatest enthusiasm, many old Confederates yelling out "I was there," "I was with him." General Early has told me many times he could have taken Washington with the Second Corps," said Senator Daniel.

"That he could," yelled many who were in the famous corps. The parade in the afternoon was the longest ever seen here, and attracted many thousands of spectators. Mrs. William Mahone, widow of Gen. Wm. Mahone, and Mrs. Lucy Lee Hill Macgill, daughter of A. F. Hill, occupied a carriage at the head of the parade and were cheered all along the line.

Last night the veterans held a campfire and smoker.

The meeting of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans was called to order by Commander W. W. Ould yesterday morning. There was a large attendance. The committee on credentials made its report, after which the report of the division commander was read, showing the division to be in a fine condition. A considerable amount of routine business was transacted, during which a resolution was passed providing for the appointment of a division historian. A resolution was passed providing for the printing and distribution of copies of the speech made by Robert E. Lee, Jr., at the Academy of Music Thursday night and for the appointment of delegates to attend the funerals of soldiers who might die in the different counties of the State. The meeting adjourned until today, when the division commander will be elected.

Wedding in Leesburg. Miss Alice Nutt White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Wise, of Leesburg, and W. Preston Gibson, of the People's National Bank, of that town, were married yesterday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church of Leesburg, Rev. J. W. Lupton officiating. Miss Helen V. Wise, of Salisbury, Md., was maid of honor. The best man was William Fletcher, of Upperville. The bridesmaids were Misses Lucy Douglas, of Alexandria; Helen Gibson, of Upperville; Patience Vandevanter, of Paconia Springs; Julia Newton, of Delaware City, Del.; Richard E. Wise and Cora Lutz, of Leesburg. The groomsmen were Blackwell Smith, of Upperville; Hubert Plaster and Campbell Littleton, of Leesburg; Braden Vandevanter, of Newport News; Keith and William A. Wise, Jr., of Leesburg. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Gibson left for the South. They will reside at Leesburg.

Letter to Walter Roberts. Alexandria, Virginia. Dear Sir: They won't feel him any more who said that they'll try something else! Editor said that, Dyer, Delaware, having used 35 gallons of paint on his house, bought 35 gallons of paint for it. He had enough left for a new stable 20 by 30 feet, and returned four gallons.

Yours truly, F. W. DRYER & Co. 17 P. S.—E. S. Leadbeater & Sons sell your paint.

The Market. Georgetown, Oct. 26.—Wheat 55 1/2.

The Real Estate Trust Company. Philadelphia, Oct. 26.—George H. Earle was today discharged at his own request, as receiver of the Real Estate Trust Company, and the company will reopen its doors Nov. 1st.

Many a man of humane impulses, who would not willingly harm a kitten, is guilty of cruelty where his own stomach is concerned. Overdriven overworked, when what it needs is something that will digest the food eaten and help the stomach to recuperate. Something like Kodol For Dyspepsia that is sold by W. F. Crichton & Co., 401 King street.

Today's Telegraphic News

Duchess Will Not Bring Suit. London, Oct. 26.—Only the earnest pleadings of intimate friends do not to ruin the political future of her husband, by creating a scandal, which would be sure to ruin him, have induced the Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, of New York, to abandon her contemplated suit for divorce against her husband. The Duke of Marlborough is hopeful of securing a place in the British cabinet in a future ministry. It was pointed out to his wife that such a scandal as her suit would have aroused would have meant political death to the duke. At the solicitation of friends of both parties she has been induced, according to the latest gossip in regard to their unhappy marital affairs, not to bring suit.

As a compromise, terms of separation without a resort to the courts have been arranged by which both parents would be allowed to see the children. The troubles of the duke and his wife have thus been settled temporarily at least.

Had the duchess brought suit a well-known American beauty, whose name has been linked recently with a prominent European prince, would, it is said, have been named as a correspondent. It was to prevent this scandal that the duchess was urged to agree to a separation privately.

Coolness has existed between the duke and his wife for a long time. When the duchess discovered the unfaithfulness of her husband, she was very angry, according to all reports, and insisted upon bringing immediate suit for divorce. It was with the greatest difficulty that friends who have succeeded in patching up other quarrels between the couple were able to induce the duchess to abandon her proposed suit for divorce.

Riotous Proceedings in New York.

New York, Oct. 26.—The Hotel Bartholdi today bore silent testimony to the violence of the riot which occurred there last night when a crowd of angry Hearst men tried to force their way into the hotel to wreck the headquarters of the Independent Democratic Municipal Ownership League, an anti-Hearst organization. Several of the plate glass windows on the Twenty-third street side of the hotel were smashed. The picture of a lemon labeled "Hearst" cast on a screen by a stropican was the cause of the riot. Hundreds of men who had been unable to get into Hearst's Madison Square Garden meeting had collected outside the Bartholdi to witness the lantern show. When the lemon was thrown on the screen a cry was raised to tear down the banner.

A rush forward was made, the ropes were cut and in a moment the offending banner came down to be torn into bits. Then a rush was made for the league room. The hotel doors were barred in time to keep out the crowd, however. Locked out the infuriated men vented their spite by hurling stones through the hotel windows. A general fight followed in the street, men striking out wildly at every one within reach. Several persons were knocked down and trampled before the police reserves arrived on the scene and restored order.

While the riot was at its height, a well-directed stone broke the lens of the stereopticon and severely injured Frederick Schroeder, the operator.

Black Flag at Brinks.

Odessa, Oct. 26.—The black flag floats today over the town of Brinks, where 12,000 railway workmen are on strike, and serious trouble is threatened, as the strikers declare they will shoot any workman who tries to return to his post.

The Ekaterinoslav Railway shops are completely tied up and a black flag has been flung out over them. Black flags also fly from the homes of most of the strikers. It is the determination of the strikers to keep the works closed until they receive better wages and are granted additional political rights.

Any attempt to restart the works is almost sure to result in a conflict between the strikers and the authorities. Pickets are stationed about the plant and workmen carrying weapons are stationed near at hand ready to carry out their threats to shoot workmen who try to operate the factories.

Attempted Murderer and Suicide.

New York Oct. 26.—Driven insane, it is believed by the chattering of two parrots of which he had charge and inspired by a long-natured hatred of a fellow employee in a Fourth avenue, bird store, Frank Dorsey today shot Miss Josephine Schmidt and then killed himself by sending a bullet into his brain.

"Kill her, kill her" was the command which Dorsey thought he heard in the chattering of the parrots. To friends he had stated at various times that he could never escape from the challenge of the birds. Little attention was paid to this remark however, until today's tragedy recalled it.

For six years Dorsey and Miss Schmidt worked together. She was his senior by several years and thought it incumbent upon her at times to reprove him for what she considered improper conduct. The friction became so great that Dorsey finally forced the woman to come into his department. Today, however, Miss Schmidt approached him and ordered him to take better care of the birds. With an oath, he drew a revolver and began firing at the woman. Evidently Dorsey thought he had killed his enemy, for he then sent a bullet through his brain dying instantly. Miss Schmidt is only slightly injured and will recover.

Young Woman's Confession.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 26.—All the mystery surrounding the disappearance and return to her home, of Miss Fannie Fennell, of Sidebotham, as she is better known, was removed today by a confession made by the young woman. Her story of being kidnapped from her home, carried off in a carriage by an unknown man, and confined in a strange house from which she escaped by jumping from a window, she now admits to have been a pure fabrication. Wednesday, the day she was away from home, she now states, was spent in a residence near Birmingham, where she went, of her own volition. No man appears to have been in the case, as the young woman's confession is said to cover that point fully.

Stepped on Stolen Explosives.

Hundreds of men employed in the big powder plant at Aetna, Ind., below South Chicago, narrowly escaped death in an explosion yesterday, due to the action of two men in stealing explosives from the mill.

A boarding-house was blown up. Lena Beahler, a maid employed in it, suffered fatal injuries, and the magazines, scattered for acres about, were jeopardized. The victim, Lena Beahler, stepped on the stolen explosives when she went to the men's room to clean it. A blast followed that lifted the house from its foundations, tore out the end, twisted the wreck into fire wood and hurled the girl far into a field, one leg torn from her body and the other so mangled as to necessitate amputation.

A mob formed, intent on hunting out the thieves who had secreted the explosives in the room. Two men were seized, and were in danger of being lynched when deputy sheriffs arrived on the scene. The imperiled men were taken from the mob and rushed to Crown Point, where they were lodged in jail for safekeeping.

Independence League Ticket Attacked.

New York, Oct. 26.—William Randolph Hearst and every other candidate on the Independence League ticket down to the lowest office for which nominations were made, will be barred from appearing on the official ballot in the coming election if a contention raised before the appellate division of the Supreme Court by Daniel Cohalan, representing Tammany candidates, is upheld. In arguing an appeal for decisions from court justices upholding a ruling of the board of elections, Mr. Cohalan questioned the validity of every Independence League nomination on the ground that the league is a corporation. Both the common law and public policy forbid, he declared, that a creature of the law, such a corporation as the Independence League, should be allowed to nominate men who in case of election would be called upon to enforce the laws of the State. The court took the case under advisement. It is expected a decision will be rendered within a day or two and the outcome of the hearing is being eagerly awaited.

Improperly Caring for Children.

New York, Oct. 26.—In the arraignment in the Long Island City police court today of John Vehrke and his wife, Fannie, on a charge of improperly caring for their children was brought to light one of those peculiar cases of persons well able to live comfortably, or even luxuriously, who prefer to live in abject poverty while their savings accumulate into a fortune. According to an agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, on whose complaint the couple was arraigned the Vehrkes are worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000 yet they were found living in circumstances which it claimed warranted taking their children away from their custody. An abandoned butcher shop was their home and its furnishings were meagre to the extreme. The ancient food box formed the bed for the children. Vehrke and his wife, their six children and the man's aged parents occupied the old butcher shop in common. The children range from Antonio, aged 10, down to Mary, who is two.

Arrest of Alleged Robber.

Berlin, Oct. 26.—William Voigt, a shoemaker and former convict, has been arrested here on the charge that he is the bogus military officer who recently robbed the treasury of the town of Kopenick, after impressing into service to aid him several soldiers whom he overawed and caused to obey his orders because he wore the uniform of a colonel. Voigt's feat has been the joke of all Europe ever since he turned the trick. The authorities claim there is no doubt that he is the bogus officer. Voigt has a long criminal record. He is 57 years old and has served 22 years in prison. He was only released from the penitentiary in February after serving a fifteen year sentence for robbery with violence.

Thinks People are Buried Alive.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 26.—What proves conclusively that many persons are buried alive, has been demonstrated by the experiment performed on James H. Richards, of this city, in being buried alive by Professor Lawson Hermann last Tuesday. Richards was placed under five feet of ground and after remaining in that condition without any nourishment for four days, was disinterred and placed in a normal condition today. Prof. Hermann claims that at least twenty per cent. of the people supposed to be dead, are only in a state of coma, and with proper treatment can be brought back to life.

Another Strike Imminent.

New York, Oct. 26.—A strike of all union cab drivers in New York city is threatened as the result of the walk out of 30 chauffeurs of electric cabs employed by the New York Transportation Co. President Mea, of the Transportation Company, announced today that he will have no difficulty in filling the places of all the strikers and he declared that if an adequate police protection is furnished he intends to send out all his electric carriages irrespective of efforts of the strikers to prevent this.

Mormon Church Selling Out.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 26.—Reports that the Mormon Church as an organization is to retire from commercial business were further verified yesterday, when it was officially announced that the Utah National Bank had been sold to W. R. McCormick. The bank's stock was largely owned by the church. In the last four months the Mormon Church has disposed of its large holdings in the Utah Light and Railway Company, which controls the principal public utilities at Salt Lake City; its Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad, with its great pavilion at Salt Lake, and its big retail department store at Ogden.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVES.

The jury in the Norfolk Mass., Superior Court this afternoon, awarded a verdict of \$6,000 in favor of Miss Grace Culburn who sued Motorman Marble for \$150,000 damages for breach of promise. A young Indian dressed in his native costume of a flowing purple robe, created a scene in the strangers' gallery of the British House of Commons today by interrupting a debate to barter the House. He was promptly ejected.

W. V. Veoh of Bayard, W. Va., arrived at Cumberland, Md., at 2 o'clock this morning and put up at the Sterling Hotel. Later he was found lying unconscious on the pavement in front of the hotel, having either jumped or fallen out of a second story window. He is badly hurt.

Purgals robbed a safe in the postoffice at Georgetown, O., early today securing \$200 in money and stamps. They then stole a horse and buggy from a barn and escaped. A posse is on their trail.

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Hundreds of men employed in the big powder plant at Aetna, Ind., below South Chicago, narrowly escaped death in an explosion yesterday, due to the action of two men in stealing explosives from the mill.

A boarding-house was blown up. Lena Beahler, a maid employed in it, suffered fatal injuries, and the magazines, scattered for acres about, were jeopardized. The victim, Lena Beahler, stepped on the stolen explosives when she went to the men's room to clean it. A blast followed that lifted the house from its foundations, tore out the end, twisted the wreck into fire wood and hurled the girl far into a field, one leg torn from her body and the other so mangled as to necessitate amputation.

A mob formed, intent on hunting out the thieves who had secreted the explosives in the room. Two men were seized, and were in danger of being lynched when deputy sheriffs arrived on the scene. The imperiled men were taken from the mob and rushed to Crown Point, where they were lodged in jail for safekeeping.

Japanese to Contest.

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—A mass meeting was held by San Francisco Japanese in Jefferson Square Hall last night for the purpose of discussing the present situation regarding the admission of Japanese children to the city schools. There were 2,500 Japanese present and the hall was crowded to suffocation. One important step taken at the meeting was to raise \$100 to press an injunction suit in the courts.

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